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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **GLENDALE MAN SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS FOR ASSAULT ON A POSTAL CARRIER**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- JAMES LEVERING**, 27, of Glendale, Arizona, was sentenced to 6 years imprisonment and ordered to pay \$9,000 in restitution, for his part in an assault on a U.S. Postal letter carrier.

On February 25, 1999, a grand jury indicted **LEVERING**, along with two co-defendants, for the assault. **LEVERING** knocked the letter carrier down, and then kicked her, so that he could steal the keys that open U.S. Postal Boxes, from her belt.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Assistance was provided by the Glendale Police Department and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

The prosecution is being handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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